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1. I TOOK OCCASION OF FAREWELL CALL BY GEN. SEYAND TO PRESENT TO PRIMIN FY 73 ADDITIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE PACKAGE OUTLINED REFEL. MARSHAL DAWEE, COMUSMACHTAI AND POMIL COUNSELOR ALSO PRESENT. IN MY PRESENTATION I UNDERScoreD PERSONAL INTEREST OF THE VICE PRESIDENT AND DR. KISSINGER AND EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS MADE BY WASHINGTON AGENCIES IN DEVELOPING THIS PACKAGE. PRIMIN OBVIOUSLY VERY PLEASED WITH GOOD NEWS. IN EXPRESSING HIS APPRECIATION TO ME, HE ASKED THAT HIS GRATITUDE BE CONVEYED TO VICE PRESIDENT AND DR. KISSINGER, AS WELL AS TO CINCPAC, FOR THEIR EFFORTS.
2. PRIMIN AND DAWEE HAD SOME QUESTIONS RE VALUE OF MILITARY ITEMS (I. E. AIRCRAFT AND SP-105 S) WHICH I HAD INDICATED AS BEING ABOUT \$15 MILLION. I MADE THE POINT THAT AT TODAY ' S PRICES THEY WOULD COST MUCH MORE, BUT WE DID NOT WISH TO PUT AN INFLATED PRICE TAG ON THEM. I SUGGESTED THESE ADD- ON ITEMS WOULD BRING OUR
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FY 73 ASSISTANCE TO ABOUT \$55 MILLION , I. E. MUCH CLOSER
TO OUR NORMAL PLANNING FIGURE. I ALSO INDICATED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH PARA 3 REF A THAT SEARCH FOR ADDITIONAL ITEMS CONTINUED
AND PRIME MINISTER TOOK CAREFUL NOTE.

. IT WAS AGREED THAT DETAILS WOULD BE TAKEN UP IN
FOLLOW- ON DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN SUPREME COMMAND -- MACTHAI
AND USOM- DTEC. HOPE TO HAVE INFO REQUESTED REF B
PARAS 4 AND 5 SOON TO CARRY THESE CONVERSATIONS FORWARD.

4. UNDERSTAND OUR PACKAGE WILL BE TAKEN UP IN CABINET MEETING
TOMORROW.

5. WISH TO REITERATE MY APPRECIATION TO ALL CONCERNED
FOR TIMELY SUPPORT IN THIS POLITICALLY SO IMPORTANT
MATTER. WE WILL APPRECIATE WHATEVER SUITABLE ITEMS CAN BE
FOUND FOR RTA TO FILL THAT REMAINING GAP.
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